

Surah 84 Surah Inshiqaaq

THE TEARING

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH INSHIQAAQ AND SURAH MUTAFFIFEEN

Surah Mutaffifeen states that each person's name will be recorded in a special register, *Surah Inshiqaaq* goes further to mention that the people in *Jahannam* will be subjected to various levels of punishment, each one being worse than the next.

Surah Mutaffifeen cites the case of a group of people who committed a grave sin (i.e. cheating) and condemns them. *Surah Inshiqaaq* encourages people rather to do good.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The first five verses of the *Surah* describe the initial events that will take place on the Day of *Qiyaamah*, when the skies will be rent asunder and the earth will swallow everything up. Thereafter, verse 6 reminds man about the time when he will meet his Creator, thereby encouraging him to prepare for this meeting by performing good deeds.

“Verses 7 to 9” **As for him who is given his record (of his actions) in his right hand...** (until the words) **...and he will return happily to his family (in Jannah)**” describe the fortunate people who will receive their record of deeds in their right hands, indicating that they will be entered into *Jannah*. Their reckoning will be extremely easy.

Verses 10 to 15 then cite the condition of the unfortunate people who will receive their record of deeds behind their backs. These people will wail and lament and will finally be cast into *Jahannam*. In verses 16 to 19, Allaah takes several oaths to confirm the fact that people will be subjected to increasingly worse stages of punishment in *Jahannam*.

“What is the matter with them (the Kuffaar) that they do not have Imaan and do not prostrate when the Qur'aan is recited to them?” [verses 20 and 21]. In these verses, Allaah expresses surprise at the *Kuffaar* who do not believe despite the fact that they have heard and have even witnessed so many signs and tokens through which the truth can be clearly perceived. They still wish to be stubborn and refuse to submit to the laws of the Qur'aan.

In verses 22 to 24, Allaah warns the rejecters of a dreadful punishment. In the final verse of the *Surah*, Allaah adds that those who believe and do good deeds will receive unlimited rewards from Him.

سُورَةُ الْإِنْشِقَاقِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَفِي خَمْسٍ عَشْرِينَ آيَةً

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انشَقَّتْ ١

1. When (the trumpet will be blown to signal the Day of Qiyaamah,) the sky will tear apart (split asunder)...

وَأَذْنَتْ لِرَبِّهَا وَحُقَّتْ ٢

2. ...and it will listen to (the command of) its Rabb (to tear it apart) as it rightly should.

وَإِذَا الْأَرْضُ مُدَّتْ ٣

3. When (this day takes place,) the earth will be stretched out (to form a level plain)...

وَالْقَتَّ مَافِيهَا وَتَخَلَّتْ ٤

4. ...and, casting out whatever is within, it will become empty.

وَأَذْنَتْ لِرَبِّهَا وَحُقَّتْ ٥

5. It will listen to (the command of) its Rabb (to do this) as it rightly should.

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدًّا حَافِظٌ لِّمَقِيهِ ٦

6. O man, indeed you make great efforts in your journey (through this world) towards (the Akhirah where you will meet with) your Rabb and will soon meet with (the fruit of) your efforts.

فَلَمَّا مَنَ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ ٧

7. As for him who is given his record (of his actions) in his right hand (indicating his entry into Jannah)...

فَسَوْفَ يُحَاسَبُ حِسَابًا يَسِيرًا ۝٨

8. ...an easy reckoning will be taken from him (the judgment process will be pleasant)...

وَيَنقَلِبُ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا ۝٩

9. ...and (after this,) he will return happily to his family (in Jannah).

وَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ وَرَاءَ ظَهْرِهِ ۝١٠

10. As for him who is given his record (of his actions in his left hand from) behind his back (because even the angels will not want to look at him)...

فَسَوْفَ يَدْعُو ثُبُورًا ۝١١

11. ...he will soon call for (his own) destruction (his death so that he may not have to suffer punishment).

وَيَصِلُ سَعِيرًا ۝١٢

12. (However, his pleas will be in vain because) He will enter the Blazing Fire (of Jahannam).

إِنَّهُ كَانَ فِي أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا ۝١٣

13. Indeed (while living in this world,) he used to be happy (without sorrow) among his family.

إِنَّهُ ظَنَّ أَنْ لَنْ يَحْجُورَ ۝١٤

14. He used to think that he would not return (to account for his actions before Allaah on the Day of Qiyaamah).

بَلَىٰ إِنَّ رَبَّهُ كَانَ بِهِ بَصِيرًا ۝١٥

15. Why (should he) not (return to Allaah) ! (He certainly will!) Verily his Rabb was ever Watchful over him (seeing every evil action although he was not taken to task for it).

فَلَا أَقْسِمُ بِالْشَّفَقِ ۝١٦

16. I swear by the twilight...

وَاللَّيْلِ وَمَا وَسَقَ ۝١٧

17. ...by the night, by what (whatever creation) the night envelopes...

وَالْقَمَرِ إِذَا اتَّسَقَ ۝١٨

18. ...and by the moon when it is full (on the 14th night)...

لَتَرْكَبُنَّ طَبَقًا عَنْ طَبَقٍ ۝١٩

19. You (O mankind!) will certainly proceed from phase to phase. (From this world, man proceeds to the realm of "Barzakh" and then towards Qiyaamah and the many stages of the Aakhirah.)

فَمَا لَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝٢٠

20. What is the matter with them (the Kuffaar) that they do not have Imaan...

وَإِذَا قُرِئَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقُرْآنُ لَا يَسْجُدُونَ ۝٢١

السجدة ١٣

21. ...and do not prostrate when the Qur'aan is recited to them? (One who recites or hears this verse being recited should perform Sajdah.)

بَلِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ۝٢٢

22. Rather, (instead of submitting) the Kuffaar choose to reject (Imaan).

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يُوعُونَ ۝٢٣

23. Allaah is well Aware of whatever (evil actions they do and beliefs) they amass (hold).

فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ۝٢٤

24. So (because of their evil and kufr) give them the good news of a painful punishment...

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ۝٢٥

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25. ... (which will afflict all of them) except those who (mend their ways and choose to) have Imaan and carry out good acts. Theirs shall be an unending reward (in the Aakhirah).